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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Biennial Strategic Workshop (Discussion)

The Commission will consider providing direction to staff with respect to scheduling a workshop in July 2007.

Beginning in 2001, it has been the practice of the Commission to schedule a workshop for each odd-numbered year to discuss and strategize its goals and objectives over the next two years. These workshops have also provided the opportunity for the Commission to address specific policy and administrative issues. In 2001, the Commission developed a set of priorities that became the basis for its inaugural work schedule for service reviews and sphere of influence updates under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg (CHK) Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. In 2003, the Commission revisited its work schedule and examined its responsibilities under the California Environmental Quality Act. In 2005, the Commission discussed its role in encouraging island annexations and reviewed its operating policies that led to a number of revisions as well as the adoption of a mission statement.

Discussion

As mentioned, previous workshops have focused on specific functions of the Commission in fulfilling its regulatory and planning responsibilities under CKH. As the Commission begins to address information and proposals emerging from its inaugural schedule of service reviews and sphere updates, a workshop focused on the broader role of the Commission seems warranted. With this in mind, staff recommends that Commission consider scheduling a workshop in July that would address the following topics:

- Review the purpose and powers of LAFCO
- Develop criteria for evaluating annexation proposals
- Discuss goals and objectives for the next two years

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Recommendation

It is recommended for the Commission to take the following actions:

1. Direct the Executive Officer to prepare and schedule a workshop for the month of July; and
2. Discuss and identify topics for the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Officer